Preservation of old monuments

2140. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government assistance fcr preservation and protection of old monuments of Orissa including Sun Temple Konark (Black Pagoda) is not adequate;

(b) the total assistance given to Orissa for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to re-built the Sun Temple, Konark in Orissa keeping in view that major portion of Sun Temple has already been demolished?

THE MINISTER OFTOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Sufficient expenditure as per the following year-wise details was incurred on the maintenance and structural conservation of selected monuments of Orissa, including the Sun Temple at Konark.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Expenditure
1999-2000	64.75
2000-2001	56.03
2001-2002	114.73

(c) The Archaeological Survey of India does not re-build ancient monuments which had been damaged in the past. Hence, there is no such proposal for consideration.

Foreign tourist visiting Karnataka

2141. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited India during 2001 -2002 and 2002-2003 till date;

(b) how many of them have visited Karnataka during the above period;